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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Alturas - Sheriff Deputy Shot and Killed in Modoc County

(U) A 31-year-old sheriff's deputy in Northern California was fatally shot yesterday while responding to a disturbance call, and the suspected gunman was taken into custody, authorities said. Modoc County Sheriff's Deputy Jack Hopkins responded to a reported assault or disturbance in a rural area 10 miles south of Alturas. While responding, Hopkins — a sworn sheriff's deputy since 2015 — was gunned down. It's unclear what led to the shooting, which prompted a massive response from state and federal law enforcement, including officers from the California Highway Patrol and US Forest Service. The shooting is under investigation by the CHP as well as authorities from neighboring counties' sheriff's offices. A suspect was taken into custody. The suspect's identity was not released. The shooting was at least the fourth slaying of a law enforcement officer in California in two weeks.

SOURCE: 19 October 2016, San Diego Union-Tribune

(U) Anaheim – California Man Convicted of Recruiting for ISIL

(U) A California man convicted of attempting to help a friend travel to the Middle East to fight on behalf of ISIL was sentenced to 30 years in prison on 19 October. Muhanad Badawi, 25, was found guilty of conspiring to provide material support to the militant group in the form of his recruit, Nader Elhuzayel, who was convicted of conspiring and attempting to join a terrorist organization. In September, Elhuzayel was also sentenced to 30 years in prison.

SOURCE: 19 October 2016, Reuters

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Appeals Court Upholds Al-Qa'ida Publicist's Conviction

(U) Washington DC – A US appeals court upheld the last remaining conviction of a Yemeni man prosecuted in an American military court at the Guantanamo Bay US naval base in Cuba for serving as a publicist for al-Qa'ida. A nine-judge panel of the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled 6-3 against Ali Hamza al Bahlul, who made videos for Usama bin Ladin's al-Qa'ida organization, according to the court decision. The court's conclusion was the opposite of the one by a three-judge panel in June 2015.

SOURCE: 20 October 2016, Reuters

(U) District of Columbia – Justice Department Survey Shows Drop in Violent Crime from 2013-2015

(U) Washington DC – A Department of Justice survey released on 20 October on criminal victimization in the United States showed a drop in violent crimes rates from 23.2 victims per 1,000 people in 2013 to 18.6 per 1,000 people 2015. The survey by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, an agency of the Justice Department, found no statistically significant change in the rate of violent crime, which includes rape, assault and robbery, between 2014 and 2015.

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(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Colombia – Drug Trafficker 'Valenciano' Sentenced to 20 Years in US Prison

(U) Bogotá – A Colombian drug trafficker who the US government says was the ringleader of an extensive network that shipped thousands of kilograms of cocaine to the United States was sentenced yesterday to 20 years in prison. Maximiliano Bonilla-Orozco, also known as "Valenciano," was sentenced by a US District Judge in Brooklyn, nearly five years after he was captured in Venezuela, prosecutors said. According to US authorities, Bonilla-Orozco, 44, led an extensive narcotics exportation and transportation organization that distributed thousands of kilograms of cocaine from Colombia through Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico to the United States.

SOURCE: 19 October 2016, Reuters

(U) England – UK Police Launch Terrorism Investigation after London Tube Incident

(U) London – British police carried out a controlled explosion on a suspicious item found on a London underground station today, and said counter-terrorism had launched an investigation into the incident. Police were called shortly after rail staff reported finding the item on a train at North Greenwich underground station, near the Canary Wharf financial district and close to the O2 entertainment center. A controlled detonation was carried out to make the item safe and officers from London's Counter Terrorism Command have taken the lead in the investigation, police said.

SOURCE: 20 October 2016, Reuters

(U) Indonesia – Suspected ISIL-Inspired Militant Attacks Police

(U) Tangerang – A suspected supporter of ISIL stabbed and wounded three Indonesian police today in what appeared to be the latest violence inspired by the militant group in the world's biggest Muslimmajority nation. The man also threw a pipe bomb which failed to explode during the rush hour attack in Tangerang, on the outskirts of Jakarta, police said. He was shot and died of his wounds, a police spokesman said, while the three victims were being treated in hospital. A second pipe bomb and a large ISIL sticker were found at the scene, police said.

SOURCE: 20 October 2016, Reuters

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